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SUBJ: THIRD RESHEF IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. DURING DUBAN HARBOR VISIT JULY 18, CG AND ASST. NAVATT
OBSERVED THREE RESHEF PATROL VESSELS. TWO OPERATIONAL
VESSELS WERE AT NORMAL BERTHS ADJACENT SAS SALISBURY (SECOND
OF THESE TWO ARRIVED DUBAN IN EARLY MAY). A THIRD,
APPARENTLY NEWLY ARRIVED, RESHEF VESSEL WAS ON MAINTENANCE
WAYS AT SANDOCK-AUSTRAL SHIPYARD WHERE 2-3 ADDITIONAL
RESHEF HULLS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIRD RESHEF ON
MAINTENANCE WAYS HAS DISTINCTIVE "BARE BONES" APPEARANCE
INDICATING IT PROBABLY JUST ARRIVED IN S.A.

2. THE S.A. NAVY SUPPLY SHIP "TAFELBERG" SPENT A BRIEF
PERIOD IN DUBAN OVER WEEKEND 8-10 JULY. GIVEN PROBABILITY
THAT TAFELBERG ESCORTED THIRD RESHEF TO SOUTH AFRICA, ARRIVAL
DATE CAN BE ESTIMATED AS EARLY JULY.

3. DATT PROVIDING FURTHER ASSESSMENT.
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